Source	Quantum	Terms and Conditions
		is repayable in 20 consecutive equal semi annual principal instalments starting after 68 months from the date of signing of the credit (i.e. (14-3-1987). The interest rate is 6.48% per annum payable on each 14th March and 14th September depending on the drawdowns made.
(iii) KFW Bilateral Credit	DM 70 million	This credit covers two portions—portion I is for meeting the local costs of supplies of HP Piping by M/s BHEL and portion II is for meeting the costs of supplies from German sources.

(b) and (c) The BHEL has the capability to supply the above mentioned equipment procured from foreign sources. Since the Italian assistance for the Steam Generator and Electrostatic Precipitator packages was available only if orders were placed on the Italian suppliers, procurement was not feasible from M/s BHEL. In respect of the portion of the equipment for the project covered by the World Bank financing, global tenders were invited. While the orders for turbine generators and other major equipment packages valueing bout Rs. 80 crores were placed on BHEL, some orders as per details given in reply to part (a) of the Question, totalling to about Rs. 23.19 crores, were bagged by the foreign bidders.

Parallel Postal Services

*480 SHRI BEKAL UTSAHI : SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of a number of parallel postal services working clandestinely in various parts of the country at present; if so, what are the details thereof;

(b) what is the mode of operation of such parallel postal services;

(c) what is the estimated loss to Government on account of functioning of such services; and

(d) what action Government have taken to check such activities?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BIR BAHADUR SINGH) : (a) The Government is aware that some private organisations/individuals are providing services for collection, transmission and delivery, often violating the provisions of Indian Post Office Act, 1898, which, *inter alia*, invests the Central Government with an exclusive privilege of conveying letters within India and for performing all related incidental services. According to information so far available, 80 such firms/agencies are operating in the country.

(b) In absence of any power for search and seizure (the offence being a noncognizable one), the Department of Posts has to proceed against parties suspected of infringing the provisions of Indian Post Office Act, by lodging a complaint with the police. Cases in which further police investigations resulted in legal prosecution showed that the organisations/individuals use their services for carrying letters thereby violating provisions of the IPO Act which invests the Central Government with an exclusive privilege of conveying letters in India and for performing all related incidental services.

(c) The exclusive privilege invested with the Central Government under the provisions of the Indian Post Office Act is restricted to letters only. The services provided by the organisations/individuals mentioned in part (a) of the answer, do not infringe the provisions of Indian Post Office Act, so far as they relate to goods, documents etc., other than letters. Government do not have any data about traffic handled by such organisations/individuals. Hence, no estimation of the loss can be made.

(d) Whenever infringements of the relevant provisions of the Indian Post Office Act come to light, action is initiated under the provisions of law. As on 30th June, 1988, 86 cases are under trial in different Courts of the country.

Authorisation for Tapping of Telephones

@4469. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether State Governments have sought authorisation from the Central Government for tapping of telephones of certain individuals and organisations;

(b) if so, the list of such State Governments and the respective officials who sought the autorisation on behalf of their States and the date for such requests: and

(c) whether amongst those whose telephones were tapped, there were any political leaders?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BIR BAHADUR SINGH): (a) No, Sir. As per provisions of Section 5(2) of Indian Telegraph Act, 1885, a State Government is empowered to order

@Previously Unstarred Question 3865, transferred from the 30th August, 1988.